Jonah

The Powerful Word of the Lord

The word of the Lord came to Jonah. > Jonah's initial disobedience. Three days in "the belly of Sheol." > The word of the Lord must be obeyed. No right to question – Eccl. 8:4 No right to disobey – Deut. 13:4 Jonah's second chance – obedience.

The word of the Lord came to the fish. Instructed to swallow and then regurgitate Jonah. "With God all things are possible." > Why we must believe Genesis 1. If God created fish, God can prepare fish. If God breathed life into man, God can keep man breathing in a fish. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

The word of the Lord came to Nineveh. "Yet 40 days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." No call to repent or assurance of mercy. > Whole city fasted, mourned, repented. "Who can tell if God will turn and relent." > Word of the Lord authored by loving, merciful, gracious God. We can turn from sin in full assurance of forgiveness – Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:6-9.

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